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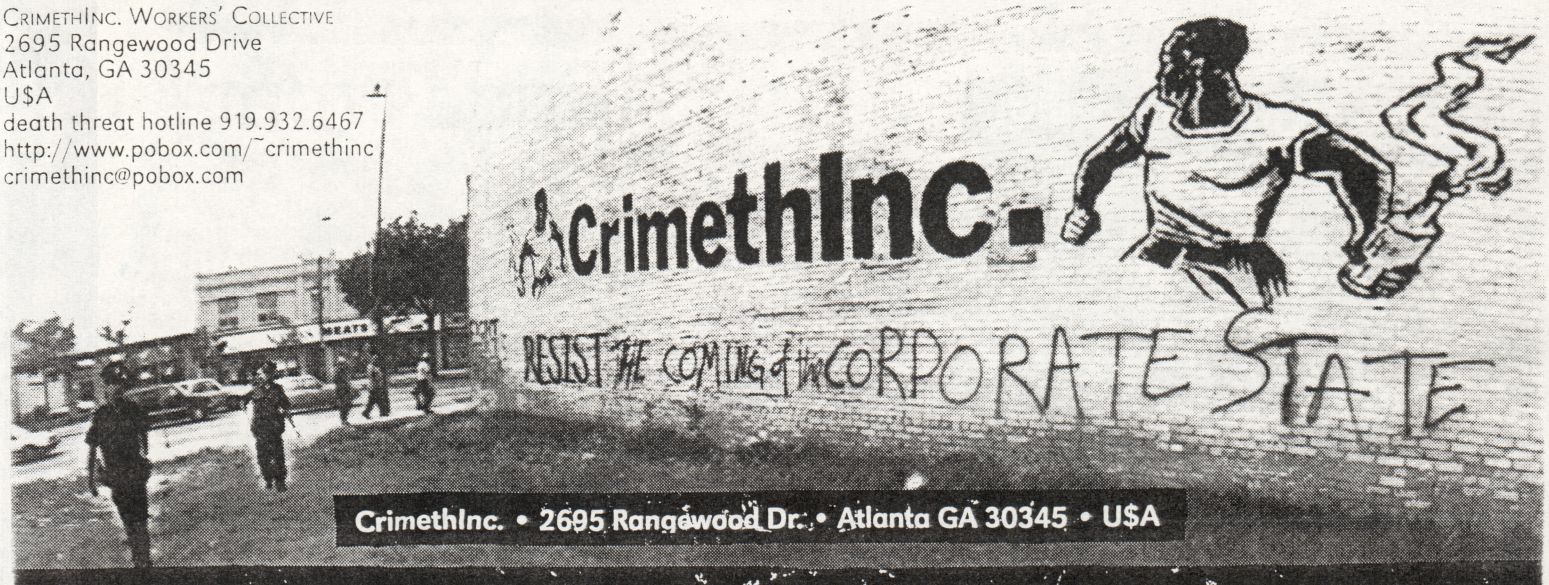



The word 'revolution', as we use it, is not a word for an armed uprising that is supposed to take place in some far-off future. We use the word to describe the moment when an individual succeeds in taking a life that was boring, painful, and meaningless to him or her and making it fulfilling and worthwhile. It is a moment that could happen for any of us, at any time. Because we are mortal and will not live forever, rather than waiting for some promised 'day of liberation', we must strive to be able to make life worthwhile for ourselves and each other in the present tense.

CrimethInc. is a "workers collective" of individuals who do not want to be mere "workers" anymore. We are not content to exhaust ourselves and our lives working to support an alienating, globally destructive status quo. Instead, we work together to spread ideas and artwork of any kind that we consider revolutionary in the sense explained above. This catalogue lists some of our projects.

## CrimethInc. Recordings

With the music wing of the CrimethInc. empire, we seek to make available the most intense and emotionally moving music we can find, in high fidelity sound and on durable high quality formats, with the most detailed and thought-provoking packaging possible. At the same time we seek to avoid compromising ourselves any more than necessary by presenting this music as a mere fashionable product for consumption or by working with oversized, objectionable corporations. We hope that, uncompromised by corporate involvement or consumer marketing, this music will be able to serve as a catalyst which will shock men and women into an awareness of the great potential of their own lives.

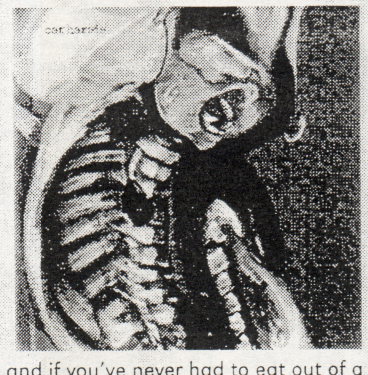
*VISUAL CUE NOT YET AVAILIABLE*

## CrimethInc. *In Our Time* 12"

We're really excited to be able to release this record, because it collects together songs by seven of what we consider to be the very best hardcore punk bands together today: **Congress, Timebomb, Systral, Final Exit, Damad, Jesuit,** and **Gehenna.** Each of these bands, in its own way, personifies the spirit of the CrimethInc. undertaking: they all stand in defiant opposition to the existing social, political, and economic order, and offer instead their own alternatives of passionate, creative thinking and living. Musically, some of them are devastatingly weighty and metallic, some are breathtakingly fast and straightforward, while others are more discordant and hypnotic, but all are moving and original. In addition to an insert which includes pages of lyrics and other information provided by the bands, we have published a CrimethInc. pamphlet to accompany the music on this record. This pamphlet describes in detail the particular social/cultural forces against which we have chosen to take a stand, explains why these forces are so dangerous to human happiness and freedom, and outlines possible resistance tactics which individuals can put into practice in their everyday lives. This is not just a recording of abrasive, angry music, or a collection of revolutionary ideas, although it is both; above all this is vital proof that even in these standardized, subjugated times, there are a number of individuals who are doing everything in their power to make life meaningful and worthwhile for us all.

*$8 USA/$10 world postage paid • wholesale $5 USA/$7 world ppd.*

## Catharsis *[eponymous]* CD



Coming from a long tradition of punk bands that thought they were metal bands *(the Amebix, Septic Death, Rorschach)*, and a shorter tradition of metal bands that think they are punk bands *(Acme, Assuck, Gehenna, Neurosis)*, Catharsis makes the sort of ugly, abrasive noise that you would expect from such social refuse. It's not catchy, it's not pretty, and if you've never had to eat out of a garbage can it might not even sound like music to you. But if you know what it is to suffer, to want more out of life, to want to see Western civilization destroyed, you might find that this record is what you've been looking for to make another month or two on this planet livable. This CD includes all of their out-of-print releases, with much better sound quality and plenty of packaging.

*$8 USA/$10 world ppd. • wholesale: $5 USA/$7 world ppd.*

## Trial *Through the Darkest Days* CD

This CD includes the songs from the "Through the Darkest Days" 7", plus a number of other songs recorded in that session, all remixed and remastered. The packaging is far more informative and detailed than the 7" packaging was, the sound quality is now a little clearer, and of course the music and message are as moving as ever.

$10 USA/$12 world • *wholesale: $6 USA/$8 world*

## Trial *Through the Darkest Days* 7"

If Catharsis is night, Trial is day. Their music is energetic and straightforward, their message positive, and their approach sincere. This record rings with the same impassioned urgency that bands like Side By Side possessed, and their discussion of issues affecting individuals as well as society in general is intelligent and eloquent. Inspiring.

$3 USA/$5 world ppd. • wholesale: $2 USA/$3 world ppd.

## Starkweather *Blood Oath To Never Play Live Again* videotape

Over a year ago Starkweather played their last show, in New York City. They looked out at all the cookie-cutter-cut, counter-revolutionary parasites and half-wits in the audience, and swore to never play live again. This is a real tragedy for the rest of us, for Starkweather was perhaps the very best live band of this decade in terms of sheer intensity and musical focus. This professionally filmed videotape records an entire performance of theirs for those of us who were not fortunate enough to see them while they were playing. USA video systems only.

$10 USA/$12 world ppd. • contact us for wholesale rates

# Inside Front Magazine

Inside Front is a magazine dedicated to spreading information about bands, labels, distributors, projects, and above all *ideas* within the hardcore community, while also offering more broadly relevant social criticism and discussion. It has been called "possibly the best source of information to the straight edge scene" by Maximum Rock and Roll, but its contents will be useful and interesting to anyone interested in hardcore punk, regardless of their choices regarding drug use. Each issue comes with a compilation record as well, so that the reader can discover talented new bands as they appear.

# Inside Front #10

The new issue of Inside Front is thicker than ever before with the same mix of news, reviews, articles, columns, "how-to" guides, and social commentary that the earlier issues included, only with more detail and quality than its predecessors. Contents include the latest installments of the columns addressing prison survival, traveling in India, etc., and articles such as "Why Selling Things Is Inherently Counter-Revolutionary." Interviews are with incredible apocalyptic German brigade Systral, and others. As usual a 7" is included, this one featuring the old-fashioned speedy hardcore of Swedish straight edge band Outlast.
$4 USA/$5 world • wholesale: $2 USA/$3 world

## Inside Front #9

You can't get much for $2 these days, but for that much money here you can get a 72-page magazine and four song 7" as well. The magazine includes a variety of articles (discussions of television, work, etc.), "how-to" guides (touring, opening a record store, surviving prison life), columns (traveling in India, a study of 1960's activism, etc.), interviews with Congress and Timebomb, many pages of scene reports/news/distributor listings from all over the world, many more pages of record/magazine reviews, and the usual social commentary and criticism that you've come to expect from us. The 7" has songs from Belgium's best hardcore bands: Congress, Liar, Shortsight, and Regression—all very metallic, excellent cutting "edge" (get it?) hardcore bands. Stay abreast of goings-on within the hardcore community and informed about your world—pick up this issue.
$2 USA/$4 world ppd. • *wholesale: $1 USA/$2 world ppd.*

## Inside Front #8

You can't get much for $4 these days either, but for $4 you can get this issue of Inside Front, which includes a 20-track CD featuring Brother's Keeper, Abhinanda, Lash Out, Tension, Backlash, Trial, Aftershock, Blood Runs Black, Otis Reem, Psywarfare, and many more. The magazine includes interviews with Gehenna and Rick Healey (of Back ta basics/25 ta Life fame), plenty of reviews/news/columns/etc., and articles about consumerism and the fashion/diet industry's war on women.
$4 USA/$6 world ppd. • *wholesale: $3 USA/$5 world ppd.*

## Advertising in Inside Front:

Sixth page Ad: $10
Quarter page Ad: $15
Third page Ad (square): $25
Half page Ad: $40 (new price)

*Classified Ad's are now free! Keep them under 30 words, please.*

Of course we're always glad to receive records, books, magazines, etc. for review in Inside Front, and we also are always looking for scene reports, news and contributions.

# CrimethInc. Fashion Wear

It's not exactly clear to us what is revolutionary about selling clothing that displays band logos, but "everyone's doing it... why can't we?"

**Catharsis Shirts** Large or extra large, 2-sided, 2-color short sleeve shirts, high quality printing and fabric. Long sleeve shirts are sometimes available. "No Gods, No Masters" design.
$10 USA/$13 world ppd.
wholesale: $7 USA/$10 world ppd.

**Catharsis Sweatshirts** XXL, same design and quality as the shirts. Sorry about the high prices, these are expensive for us to make right now, and expensive to mail.
$25 USA/$30 world ppd.
*wholesale: $20 USA/$25 world ppd.*

**Trial Shirts:** Large or extra large, 2-sided, 2-color short sleeve shirts, really classy printing, high quality fabric. "Through the Darkest Days" design.
$10 USA/$13 world ppd.
wholesale: $7 USA/$10 world ppd.

**Inside Front Shirts:** Extra large, 2-sided, one color short sleeve shirts, new design made for us by "Fist Fight Productions" as a benefit for the magazine. Please help us keep the prices for Inside Front low.
$10 USA/$13 world ppd.
wholesale: $7 USA/$10 world ppd.

# CrimethInc. Reading Material

Through CrimethInc. we try to offer access to material that contains ideas that are usually suppressed in both the "mainstream" and in most "underground" subcultures today, ideas that we feel may really have something of value to offer to individuals who want to get everything out of life that they can.

**The Abolition of Work** This pamphlet describes in detail many of the large- and small-scale negative effects of today's work-based economy, and offers a solution. Who doesn't hate their job? Here's why—and what to do about it.
available free, donations appreciated • *wholesale: please help us to afford postage for the number of copies you order*

**The Unabomber Manifesto** Read for yourself what this now legendary radical has to say about our self-destructing technological civilization. Don't be misled by the homogenized mainstream media: this is not the work of a madman, but a carefully researched and intelligently expressed critique.
available free, donations appreciated • *wholesale: please help us to afford postage for the number of copies you order*

**The Revolutionary Pleasure of Thinking For Yourself**
To quote the pamphlet itself: "Those who assume, often unconsciously, that it is impossible to achieve their own desires—and thus, that it is futile to fight for themselves—often end up fighting for an ideal or cause instead. This is a manual for those who wish to think for themselves, a manual for creation of a personally (rather than ideologically) constructed body of critical thought for their own use..."
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## *As Yet Untitled, Available Now*
# New Free CrimethInc. Publication

Disillusioned with *selling* ideas, we have put together a tabloid-size propaganda publication which is entirely paid for (both printing *and* postage costs) by advertising. Each issue of this publication will present social commentary, articles, information, and artwork related to the general theme of the CrimethInc. undertaking. Print run will start at 15,000. If you want one, write us and ask us for one, providing your address, and we'll send one to you. If you would like to receive a number of copies to give away or mail out, just let us know how many you think you can find good homes for, and we'll send them to you. Sounds strange to those of us who grew up under capitalism, doesn't it? If you want to *give* us anything (whatever you think we would appreciate or enjoy!) in return for this, please do—but we won't *charge* you anything. Contact us if you're interested in advertising, so we can make this possible.
*Absolutely Free*

**CrimethInc. Worker Bulletins** These fliers and pamphlets come out approximately once a month, and deal with a variety of topics related to the general theme of the CrimethInc. agenda and analysis. If you're willing, send a little postage money and distribute them to your friends, neighbors, and coworkers.
available free • *wholesale: donations are appreciated to help us afford postage costs; order as many as you want.*

# CrimethInc. Promotional Materials

We frequently have CrimethInc. matches, patches, stickers, pins, posters, Catharsis or Trial or Timebomb stickers/patches/etc., "Unabomber For President" stickers, or other "promotional" materials available, but it varies from month to month what specific items we have in. If any of this sounds interesting to you, send a couple of dollars and let us know what you're specifically looking for, and we'll try to set you up. We also have plenty of extra magazines, fliers, stickers, pamphlets, etc. taking up space here, so send some postage money if you want any of them.

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# CrimethInc. Distribution

Now, we have our hands full already, so we don't like to distribute much, but we have a few things that we feel are worth our trouble. The records and CD's listed here do tend to go in and out of stock quickly, so please do list alternatives. Call or write for wholesale prices.

## Records

**Congress *The Other Cheek* CD** New Congress recording, fucking amazing, blistering holy terror hardcore. The blasting speed and shrieking vocals make this a truly unforgettable release, and few other bands can play metallic music with as much feeling as Congress does.
$10 USA/$13 world ppd. • contact us about wholesale

**Congress *Blackened Persistence* CD** This Congress full-length established them as one of the most powerful hardcore bands today in Belgium, in Europe, in the world.
*$10 USA/$13 world ppd. • contact us about wholesale*

**Liar *Falls of Torment* CD** Intense, Ringworm-esque speedy metal/hardcore, from Congress's Belgium.
$10 USA/$13 world ppd.

**Otis Reem *O-matic* CD** Excellent full-length, with bonus live tracks, from this talented, eclectic, ska/hardcore/jazz band.
$10 USA/$13 world ppd. • contact us about wholesale

**Regression *Heartless* CD** More of the latest Belgian metal/hardcore, deep and powerful, not unlike Cleveland's Bowel.
$10 USA/$13 world ppd.

**Shortsight *Cold Wounds Waking* CD** Shortsight is another metallic hardcore band from Belgium, but a strong-voiced woman sings for them, giving them a unique sound. Some of the complex guitarwork is as beautiful and moving as any classical music you could find.
$10 USA/$13 world ppd.

**Systral *Fever* CD**

Systral's music is the sound of worldwide nuclear destruction. The distorted, overloaded instruments, sonic blasts of speed, and alternating voice-of-God-the-destroyer deep vocals and monkey-being-killed-by-vivisection high vocals add up to complete aural annihilation. The CrimethInc. staff inner circle cannot recommend this record enough. The American release should come out on our label soon.
*$10 USA/$13 world ppd.*
*wholesale available, contact us*

**Gehenna *The Birth of Vengeance 7"***

Gehenna is perhaps the most genuinely countercultural and antisocial hardcore punk band together today. Ragged, ugly, furious music, guttural vocals, bitterly poetic lyrics. A hard record to find anywhere, but well fucking worth it. Get a copy while this is still in press, before the bandmembers go to prison for good.
*$3 USA/$5 world ppd. • wholesale available, contact us*

**Gehenna demo:** This was the first Gehenna release, and it is as impressive and gut-wrenching as any of their music. If you've heard about Gehenna, but you can't find their music anywhere and can't get in touch with any members of the band (since they *are* all homeless), you can get this from us.
*$3 USA/$4 world ppd. • wholesale available, contact us*

**Gehenna/Apartment 213 7"** Many people herald this record as Gehenna's best work. Lyrics: "Hell is now, excruciation is this—this very instant in time, the present tense." This music is what it sounds like to starve, to steal, to sleep on the street, to fight against overwhelming odds for mental and physical survival... and to never, ever surrender.
$3 USA/$5 world ppd. • wholesale available, contact us

**Timebomb *Hymns for a Dying Empire* CD**
Fucking unbelievable grind/hardcore record. The music is earthshaking and intense, the Marxist message well-thought out and well-presented in the extensive insert. Devastating, but with moments of apocalyptic beauty... amazing.
*$10 USA/$13 world ppd. • wholesale available, contact us*

**Arise/Overcast split 7"** -just in-
*$3 USA/$5 world*

**Arise/Corrin split 7"** -just in-
*$3 USA/$5 world*

**The Good Life: Straight Edge Compilation CD** European hardcore compilation with unreleased tracks from such great bands as Congress, Mainstrike, Liar, Blindfold, Shortsight, Regression, Comrades, Veil, Separation, and End in Sight. A good sampler to discover some of the great hardcore music being made in Europe today, or to get new songs by these bands if you already have their other records.
*$10 USA/$13 world ppd.*

## Magazines

**Icarus Was Right #3**
Essential reading material. This is a very well-done magazine (breathtaking layout and design, high quality writing) with a real variety of interesting contents, from punk rock to social/political commentary to fiction, underground movies and animation, comics, anything. Intelligent, creative, and spirited.
*$2 USA/$3 world ppd. • wholesale available*

**Slug and Lettuce** Slug and Lettuce embodies the essence of punk rock. This tabloid-size magazine, with its numerous music/book/magazine reviews, articles, stories, and comics, is free, and classified ads in it are free too, so its readers can use it to keep in touch with each other and their community in general without anyone making a profit or losing money.
*free—donations to cover postage costs are appreciated*

**Things Fall Apart #5** This issue of Richard Allen's unusually intelligent and eloquent magazine includes interviews with Catharsis and Action Patrol, articles about terrorism, hip hop culture, childhood imagery in punk rock and hardcore, and "everyone's favorite musical punching bag:" emo.
*$2 USA/$3 world • wholesale available, contact us*

## Upcoming CrimethInc. Projects

Coming soon, we have:

**Catharsis Full-Length CD/12"**
A new Catharsis full-length recording. Out May - June 1997.

*(...and, cross your fingers, there is a chance we'll be able to release a CD of all of **Gehenna**'s recordings later this year!)*

**Timebomb CD** We're thrilled to be releasing the next Timebomb full-length. Out May - June 1997.

**Systral 5"** A Systral 5" record of new material should be out in mid-1997. If the adults in the United States vote for a government that builds atomic weapons, they should have to deal with their children listening to a band whose music sounds like worldwide destruction... Systral.

**CrimethInc. American Releases** We have plans to release some excellent European records in the United States over the course of the next few months. First up will be the **Systral** "Fever" CD and **Timebomb** "Hymns For a Dying Empire" CD.

**CrimethInc. Bootleg Series** A series of CD 'bootlegs' of excellent music, both live and studio, old and recent, that has not been available to the general public (at least recently), but really deserves more circulation. There are some records and recordings that are just too good to languish in obscurity forever. Of course we'll do our best to clear everything with the musicians involved, if we can find them.

Make all checks out to "Brian Dingledine." If they bounce, we'll send a team of thugs to your house. We're always looking for distributors, please help if you can; we'll do consignment after the first order, usually. Wholesale prices are available for anyone who dares to order more than five of any item.

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